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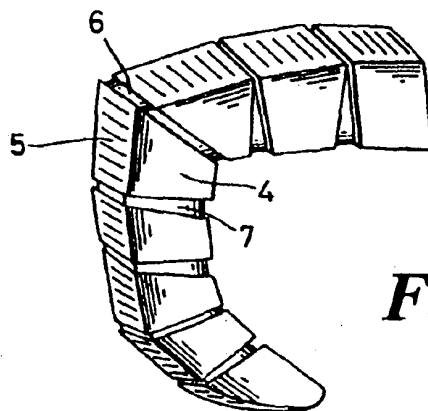
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(54) Finger protective device

(57) A finger-protective device comprises at least two aligned articulately linked rigid members of substantially channel shape for bridging the back and both sides of at least part of a finger. The linkage preferably is a flexible hinge and adjacent side edge areas of consecutive members may overlap at least when the device is flexed to a gripping configuration. The device is suitable for use by sports batsmen and hockey players and may be employed as part of a glove or mitten.



*Fig. 2*

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